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COAXIAL DRESSING FOR CHEMICAL

MECHANICAL POLISHING

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Enclosed is Form PTO-1449, Information Disclosure Citation In An Application.

The following Patents and/or Publications are submitted to comply with the duty of disclosure under CFR 1.97-1.99 and 37 CFR 1.56. Copies of each document is included herewith.

- U.S. Patent 5,681,212 to Hayakawa et al., "Polishing Device and Correcting Method Therefor", discloses a polish head.
- U.S. Patent 5,624,299 to Shendon, "Chemical Mechanical Polishing Apparatus with Improved Carrier and Method of Use", discloses a carrier head with a polish pad and retaining ring.

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- U.S. Patent 5,664,987 to Renteln, "Methods and Apparatus for Control of Polishing Pad Conditioning for Wafer Planarization", discloses a method and apparatus to condition a polish pad using a conditioning track on the polish pad.
- U.S. Patent 5,616,063 to Okumura et al., "Polishing Apparatus", discloses a polishing apparatus with multiple heads.
- U.S. Patent 5,605,499 to Sugiyama et al., "Flattening Method and Flattening Apparatus of a Semiconductor Device", discloses a standard chemical mechanical polishing head.

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